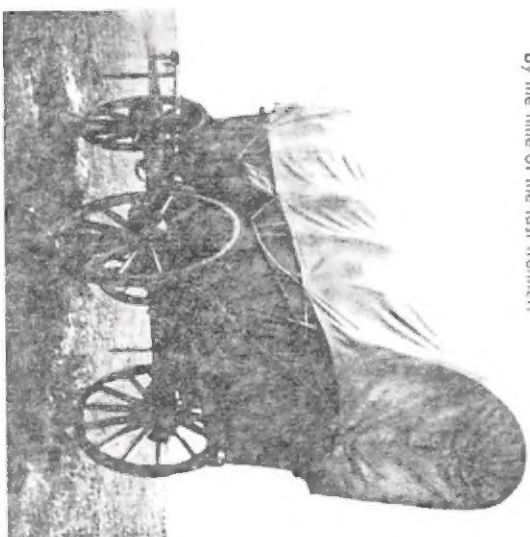
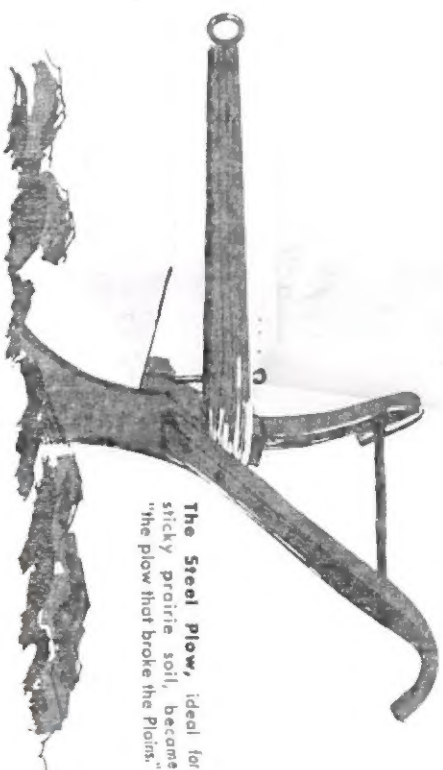


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Technological Advances in transportation, farming, and communication greatly aided America's economic growth during the early 1800's. Some of the developments are shown above.



Early Settlers in the Far West crossed the plains to Oregon or California. Their high Conestoga wagons had already become museum pieces by the time of the last frontier.



The Steel Plow, ideal for sticky prairie soil, became "the plow that broke the Plains."



Harper's Weekly, 1868

The heavy, tough subsoil required three yoke of oxen to pull a plow through it